Company Limited by Guarantee

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2014

REGISTERED NUMBER: 05120253 CHARITY REGISTRATION: 1106237

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

#### **DIRECTORS**

Nicholas Wilkins (Chairman) Andrew Allright Hirsh Cashdan Karin Joehr Amy Pettipher Nitish Upadhyaya Ruth Worswick

CHIEF EXECUTIVE Anthony Lunch

**SECRETARY Anthony Lunch** 

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

Malsor House, Gayton Road Milton Malsor Northampton NN7 3AB

Registered company number: 05120253 Charity registration number: 1106237

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

The directors in office in the period under review and their beneficial interests in the company at the balance sheet date and at the beginning of the period were as follows:

		Number of Shares 2014
Andrew Allright	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	1
Hirsh Cashdan	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	1
Karin Joehr	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	1
Nicholas Wilkins	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	1
Amy Pettipher	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	1
Nitish Upadhyaya	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	1
<b>Ruth Worswick</b>	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	1

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2002).

Signed by:

**Nicholas Wilkins** 

Chairman

4 December 2014

# **Directors' Report**

The Directors present their Report together with the abbreviated financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2014.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

MondoChallenge Foundation is a company limited by guarantee, registered as a Charity on 8th October 2004. Its Objects are:

- The provision of education and development opportunities
- The relief of sickness
- The relief of financial hardship

The Foundation supports programmes in Asia (Nepal, NE India and Sri Lanka) and in Africa (Tanzania and The Gambia). During this period, we raised £175,483 (previous year £142,611). Bearing in mind the difficult climate for charitable giving, this was felt to be a very positive result.

Once again, we have had tremendous support from past volunteers and Ambassadors who have supported the projects where they worked. The number of these Ambassadors has grown substantially, particularly on our Nepal programmes.

Many of our donors have supported us for a number of years. We provide them with a very effective route for grants to reach those for whom they are intended with a minimum of delay and with the least possible administration costs.

Total Reserves rose during the year to £105,285 with Restricted Funds rising slightly to £60,487 which covers programmes currently underway. Unrestricted Reserves were almost unchanged at £44,799. Trustees consider our reserves to be very satisfactory for a charity of our size.

Resources expended in the current year were £171,483. Of these, £147,158 was spent on specific programmes abroad as follows:

Sri Lanka Education Programme	£ 564
Gambia Education and Livelihood Programmes	£ 576
<b>Total Overseas Programmes</b>	£147,158

Once again we have seen a huge expansion in Nepal, where we have supported 29 schools in the Helambu Valley, NE of Kathmandu. A mix of new school buildings, libraries, provision of sports, games equipment and school bags, and creating toilets and playground facilities, have enabled over 3500 pupils to have access to better education.

We have also expanded our teacher programme, funding seventeen additional teachers, from kindergarten to higher classes, whilst maintaining our emphasis on teacher training, aimed at improving classroom skills and confidence in this remote part of Nepal.

We support both Yolmo and Tamang communities. They have benefited from our community development work, reversing a trend of girls leaving school early. Improvements in toilet



provision, teaching styles and in community understanding mean that girls now make up 48% all pupils, compared with just 24% a few years ago. In November 2013, we were runners up in the prestigious DSC Influencer Award for our word in encouraging girls to remain in education. Much of the credit for this goes to our country manager, Jimmy Lama, whose NGO, HELP Nepal, has been our partner since 2009. Jimmy's dedication and understanding of the rural villages where he was brought up, has enabled us to target

resources effectively and to make a real difference. Having obtained his Masters' degree at the International Development School of Sussex University, it was a proud moment to join him at the degree ceremony.

In the largely Nepali region of NE India, where we support 15 schools, we continue to run teacher training sessions which are now making a real impact on the quality of education being delivered. Followed up by in-class observation, the programme is proving innovative and creative. A number of Foundation Ambassadors have assisted in the delivery of the course. The horticultural project, introduced last year, continues to make progress with the three poly tunnel sites gradually becoming more sustainable as they modify their growing regimes in line with best practice.

We are grateful to Jiwan Rai, our long term manager and friend for his dedicated work. Over 2200 pupils benefit from our support annually and some are now moving on to tertiary education.

Once again, our general Education programme provided specific grants for all the schools and impacted over 2200 pupils. The grants enabled pupils from the poorest families to attend school, even if their parents could not afford the very modest fees. We also helped fund books and educational material, as well as the annual inter-school sports days and guizzes.

In Tanzania, our business development programme has continued to provide grants and loans to widows affected by HIV, enabling them to set up a small business. Over 750 businesses have been

started under this scheme with grants of around £100 each. These grants, backed up by training and regular monitoring by our local partners, have enabled 4000 adults and children to benefit from the livelihoods generated, rather than becoming a financial burden to family members. Business start-ups have included livestock, retailing of fruit and vegetables, tailoring and hairdressing.



By widening the availability of our business expansion loans, we have helped the better businesses to grow and become more sustainable. Loans start at £200, and carry an initial 10% interest rate, increasing to 13% for further loans. The interest received is then used to finance grants and loans for new rounds of recipients.

With support from past volunteers, we continue to sponsor orphans and young adults in secondary as well as tertiary education.

In Gambia, we have continued to support Kunkujang nursery school where we pay the cost of the teachers' salaries and training. This ensures that nearly 200 children can obtain early learning in an English medium and make a better start at their next school. In Sri Lanka, we helped the Early Child Education Centre in Kandy, enabling poor families, both Tamil and Sinhala, to obtain a good education at a modest cost and thus provide equal opportunities in a region of severe ethnic divide.

The Foundation has incurred administrative and fundraising costs as follows:

#### 1. Fundraising

During the year, we were without the services of a fundraiser and were fortunate that our small management team were able to maintain contact with our many loyal donors to expand the Foundation's income so substantially. However, moves have been made to appoint a fundraiser to expand our donor base and this should be finalised shortly in the new financial year. The cost of fundraising during the year was a modest £1,174 (0.7% of income).

#### 2. Administration Costs

Office Rent and Admin, Telephone,	£3,673
Travel related to programmes abroad	£2.156
Promotion, UK Travel, Web Site development	£2,294
Bank Commission	£ 113
Total	£8,236 (4.7% of income)

During this period, several volunteer helpers contributed to the success of our operation in UK and abroad. This included handling our Facebook site, bookkeeping and general administration. We are grateful to them for their loyalty to the Foundation's work.

The Chief Executive, Anthony Lunch, was paid a salary of £15,000 during this period. In addition to acting as Company Secretary, His duties include financial management, organisation of our overseas operations, administration, personnel and fundraising,

This has been a particularly good year for the MondoChallenge Foundation and we are grateful to the Trustees and to our many supporters who give so generously of their time. We are also indebted to our country managers and to our partners abroad without whom we could not operate so effectively. The year ahead will a very special one as it is our tenth anniversary. We face the future with confidence, although we are aware that the climate for fundraising remains difficult. We continue to focus on our core values of working with reliable partners abroad so that every pound received is put to work in the most cost effective way.

Nicholas Wilkins Chairman

4 December 2014

## Sources of Income and Analysis of Expenditure to 31 March 2014

	£ Restricted Funds	2014 £ Unrestricted Funds	£ Total	£ Restricted Funds	2013 £ Unrestricted Funds	£ Total
Incoming Resources						
Individuals	10,084	2,844	12,928	8,981	165	9,146
Past Volunteers	38,348	17,229	55,577	33,018	16,705	49,723
Trusts	74,527	21,020	95,547	50,970	19,905	70,875
Gift Aid		10,734	10,734		9,201	9,201
Organisations	158	450	608	272	3,330	3,602
Interest		89	89		64	64
Total Income	123,117	52,366	175,483	93,241	49,370	142,611
Resources Expended						
Projects Funded Abroad	117,726	29,432	147,158	99,672	24,918	124,589
Salaries	1,000	14,000	15,000	1,000	14,000	15,000
Fundraising Costs	474	700	1,174	285	5,412	5,697
General Admin & Promotion	936	7,300	8,236	303	5,760	6,063
Total Expenditure	120,136	51,432	171,568	101,260	50,090	151,349
Addition/(reduction) to reserves	2,981	934	3,915	- 8,019	- 720	- 8,738
Total Reserves	61,187	44,099	105,285	58,206	43,165	101,370

Signed by:

Anthony Lunch Company Secretary 4 December 2014

#### **Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014**

	2014	2013
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank Debtors	98,956 6,329	94,341 
Net Assets	105,285	101,370
Opening Reserves Surplus/(deficit) for year	101,370 3,915	110,109 -8,738
Total Reserves	105,285	101,370
Restricted Reserves Unrestricted reserves	60,487 44,799	58,206 43,165
Net Reserves	105,285	101,370

Signed by:

**Anthony Lunch Company Secretary** 

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the members of MondoChallenge Foundation**

I have examined the financial statements of MondoChallenge Foundation for the period ended 31 March 2014 which comprise the statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

I confirm that these financial statements are in accordance with the charitable company's records and disclose the state of affairs as at 31 March 2014, and of its income and expenditure for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

S M Blyth (FCA) 4 December 2014